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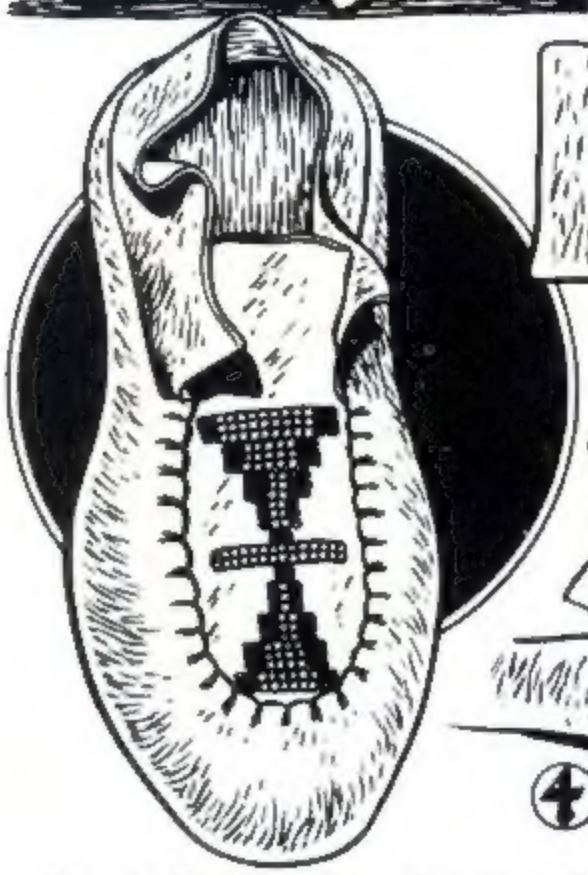

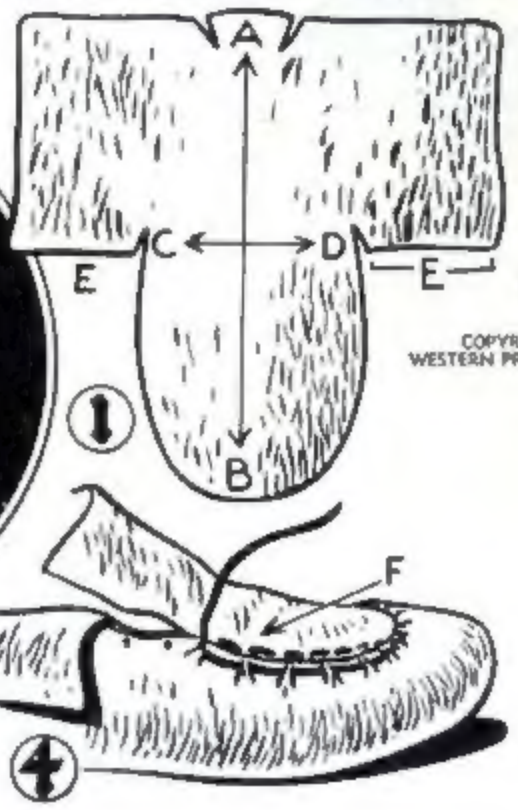

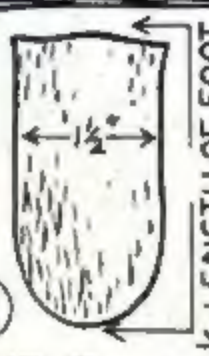

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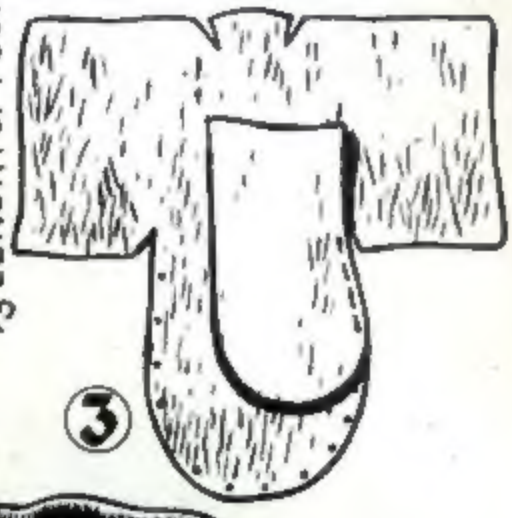


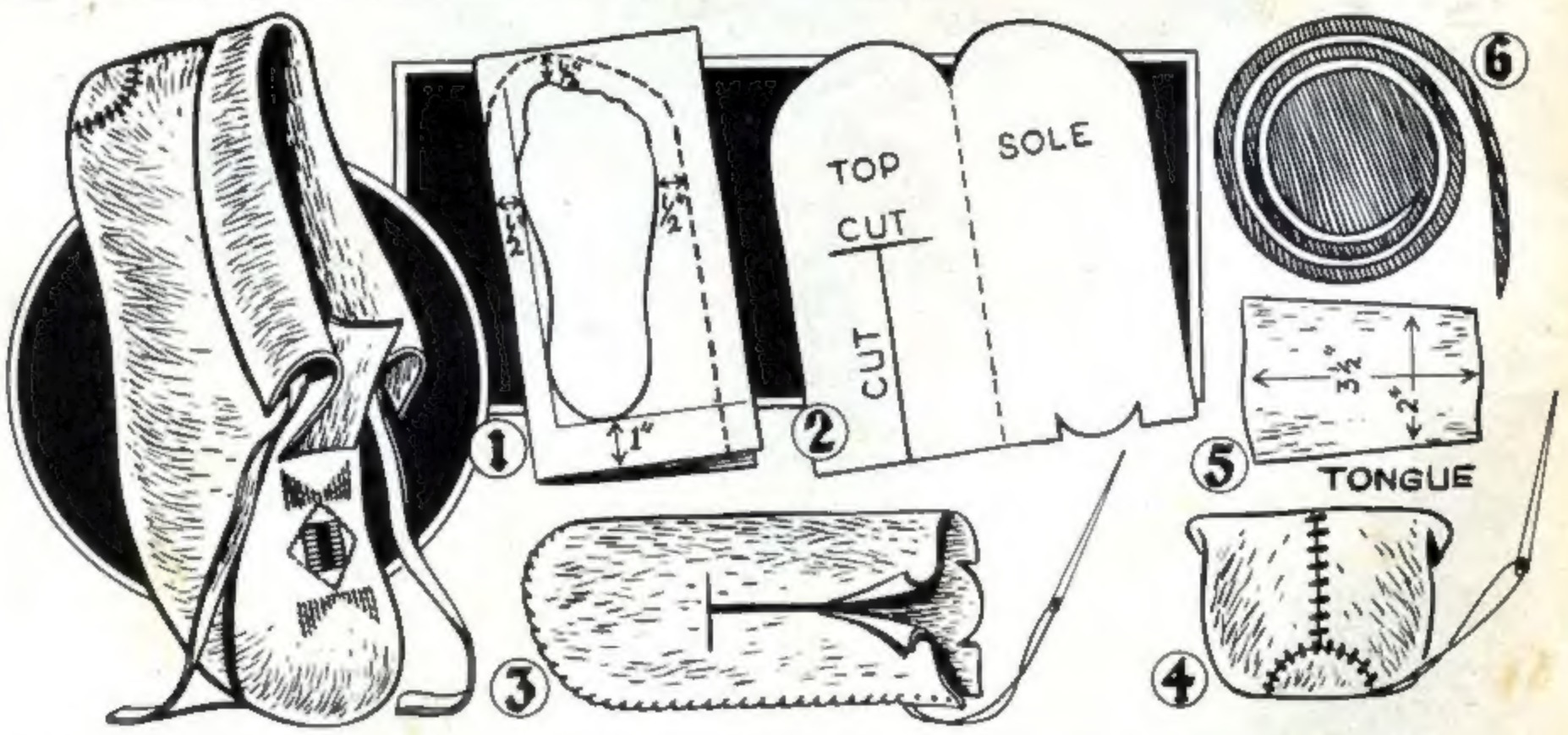
An Indian can make a pair of soft-soled moccasins in less than an hour. With practice, you can, too.

For the moccasin shown above, use these measurements: In Fig. 1, A to B is one and one-third times the length of the foot. C to D is one inch less the distance around the foot at the instep. Side flaps, E, are two inches. The length of the tongue, Fig. 2, is one-third the length of the foot, by one and one-half inches wide.

After cutting, punch sewing holes in the tongue and foot piece, and start as in Fig. 3. Holes must be closer together in the tongue than corresponding holes in the foot piece, to pucker up excess leather. See F, Fig. 4. Next, sew down the heel to the heel tab, then around the heel tab, Fig. 5.

A pattern for the moccasin below can be made by simply following the illustrated instructions. To sew the moccasin, turn it inside out, Fig. 3. After attaching the tongue, reverse and try on for size before sewing the back.

Fig. 6 shows how lacing may be cut from leather.



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LITTLE BEAVER

LITTLE BEAVER AND PO-KO ARE WITH A NAVAJO PARTY AT A TRADING POST ON THE COLORADO RIVER...

AI-EE! LITTLE BEAVER, ALL WATER IN WORLD IS RUNNING AWAY! YOU STOP-UM!

YOU HEAP FOOLISH, PO-KO! THAT BE RIVER... LIKE CREEK NEAR NAVAJO VILLAGE, ONLY THOUSAND TIMES BIGGER!

NAVAJOS NEVER HAVE ENOUGH WATER, AND HERE IT RUNS AWAY! THAT NOT RIGHT!

SQUAW ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING SILLY TO WORRY ABOUT! COME ON...WE GO FOR CLOSE LOOK!

WE WASTE TIME LOOK-UM AT RIVER WITH CAMP TO MAKE AND FOOD TO FIX, BEFORE SUN GO DOWN! MAYBE HEADMAN OF NAVAJO TRADING PARTY SAY WE NOT EAT TONIGHT!

YOU GO TO CAMP, THEN! ME TAKE LOOK AND TELL YOU ABOUT-UM LATER!

OH, NO! EVERY TIME YOU GO OFF BY LONESOME, YOU GET IN TROUBLE! IF YOU GO HUNGRY TONIGHT, ME GO HUNGRY, TOO!

LITTLE BEAVER, WHAT BE THAT?

IF THAT HAPPEN, YOU NOT LET ME FORGET ABOUT-UM SOON, EITHER! BUT COME ON...WE TAKE QUICK LOOK, THEN RIDE BACK...

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ME NOT KNOW! IT LOOK LIKE BIG BOAT...BUT ME NEVER BEFORE SEE BOAT TIED TO ROPE THAT WAY!

HELLO!

ME CHO-SAY, OF MOHAVE INDIAN TRIBE!

ME LITTLE BEAVER, WITH NAVAJOS WHO COME TO BIG RIVER TO TRADE!

ME PO-KO, IF ANY-BODY CARES!

THAT IS FERRYBOAT, OWNED BY MY PEOPLE, THE MOHAVES! IT TAKES PEOPLE AND WAGONS ACROSS GREAT RIVER TO CALIFORNIA!

ME WANT TO SEE FERRYBOAT WORK!

WAIT-UM MINUTE FOR ME!

THIS MY FATHER, TALL WOLF! HE RUNS FERRYBOAT!

HOW, FRIENDS OF MY DAUGHTER!

NOW WE SEE-UM BOAT, LITTLE BEAVER, WE GO BACK TO CAMP!

WHY YOU WANT TO GO AWAY SO QUICK? FERRYBOAT IS ABOUT TO CROSS RIVER, BRING BACK WAGON FROM OTHER BANK! YOU COME ALONG, MAKE TRIP!

THAT BE FINE...IF TALL WOLF SAY ALL RIGHT!

NAVAJOS ARE OLD FRIENDS OF MOHAVES! YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME!

GOOD!. ALL IS SETTLED, THEN...

ALL IS NOT SETTLED! ME NOT HEAR PO-KO SAY HER WANT TO GO ON BOAT!

IF PO-KO 'FRAID, STAY HERE WITH PONIES AND WAIT!

'FRAID? ME SHOW YOU IF ME 'FRAID! ME GO ON BOAT!

ME SAY WRONG THING, LITTLE BEAVER?

ME NOT KNOW! WHO CAN TELL WHAT GOES ON INSIDE SQUAW'S HEAD?

AH-HEE-YA!

THAT BE SIGNAL FOR TEAM OF HORSES ACROSS RIVER TO PULL ON ROPE TIED TO BOAT! THEY HAUL US ACROSS, HEAP QUICK!

BOAT IS FASTENED OVERHEAD TO CABLE! TALL WOLF, WITH LONG PADDLE, MAKES IT HEAD STRAIGHT TO OTHER BANK!

BOAT BEGINS TO MOVE! SOON WE CROSS BIG RIVER!

YOU NO CAN SEE ANYTHING HERE, PO-KO!

ME MIXED UP INSIDE FROM BOAT JUMP-UM AROUND! GO WAY... MAKE SHEEP EYES AT MOHAVE GIRL!

COME, LITTLE BEAVER...WE WILL STEER BOAT REST OF WAY TO CALIFORNIA SHORE TOGETHER!

AH-HEE! WAIT! RIVER IS PUSHING BOAT AROUND! SOMETHING IS WRONG...!

CABLE BREAKS! BOAT IS LOOSE IN RIVER!

LOOK OUT FOR LONG PADDLE, TALL WOLF! IT LIABLE TO SWING AND HIT YOU!

YA-HI!

GRAB HAND, TALL WOLF! ME SAVE YOU!

TALL WOLF SWIMS TO SHORE! HIM SAFE!

ME HOPE WE BE AS LUCKY! RIVER BE STRONGER THAN HERD OF STAMPEDING BUFFALO! GRAB HOLD AND HELP STEER, CHO-SAY!

ME HELP, LITTLE BEAVER!

THIS NO TIME FOR SQUAW ARGUMENT! THERE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR BOTH TO HELP STEER!

YOU NOT KNOW HOW, PO-KO! GET-UM OUT OF WAY!

THE MOHAVE FERRYBOAT IS AT THE MERCY OF THE WILD, SURGING COLORADO...

BOAT RUN FASTER THAN FASTEST PONY! ME WISH IT AS EASY TO STOP!

ME WISH ME BACK IN NAVAJO CAMP...EVEN IF HEADMAN MAKE ME GO WITHOUT SUPPER!

LOOK OUT FOR ROCKS AHEAD, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME SEE-UM! ME PUSH HARD ON PADDLE...SQUAWS PULL...AND MAYBE WE DODGE ROCKS!

ME PULL HARD, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME, TOO!

WE MISS-UM ROCKS!

YES...BUT NOT BY MUCH! AND MAYBE NEXT TIME WE NOT SEE-UM QUICK ENOUGH!

RIVER FULL OF ROCKS AND SNAGS! ME GOT TO RUN BOAT ASHORE SOON OR SOMETHING TEAR HOLE IN BOTTOM AND WE SINK, SURE!

IT TOO DANGEROUS TO GO ASHORE YET! KEEP BOAT IN MIDDLE OF RIVER, WHERE NOT MANY ROCKS AND SNAGS!

RUN BOAT ASHORE, LITTLE BEAVER! ME WANT DRY LAND UNDER FEET AGAIN!

THIS PART OF RIVER ALL HIGH BLUFFS! AND NOW SUN ABOUT TO GO TO SLEEP, SO IT HARD TO SEE!

LOOK! LOW BANK COME AT US FAST! SWING BOAT THAT WAY!

YA-HI! ROCKS CLOSE TO SHORE WILL WRECK BOAT! TURN-UM AWAY, LITTLE BEAVER!

TOO LATE FOR TURN-UM! SQUAWS JUMP FOR SHORE QUICK, WHILE ME HOLD PADDLE LONG AS POSSIBLE!

ME BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU! DIVE OVER ROCKS AND SWIM HARD!

YOU JUMP, TOO, LITTLE BEAVER!

HELP, LITTLE BEAVER! CURRENT IS TOO STRONG...ME NO CAN GET ASHORE ALONE!

KEEP HEAD ABOVE WATER, CHO-SAY! ME COME TO HELP YOU!

ONLY LITTLE BIT MORE, CHO-SAY, AND YOU BE ALL RIGHT!

YOU BIG HERO, LITTLE BEAVER! YOU SAVE MY LIFE!

HMPH! YOU NOT IN MUCH DANGER, CHO-SAY!

ME THINK YOU JUST PRETEND BE IN TROUBLE, SO LITTLE BEAVER SAVE YOU!

THAT NOT TRUE! ME IN REAL DANGER!

SQUAWS STOP FIGHT TALK! WE GOT-UM LOTS TO DO BEFORE IT GET DARK!

MAKE FIRE FIRST...THEN WE ALL GET DRY!

ME NOT MIND BEING WET...IF ME NOT SO HUNGRY!

ME FIND-UM FOOD! BUILD-UM UP FIRE, LITTLE BEAVER... ME BE RIGHT BACK!

WHERE DID CHO-SAY GO, PO-KO?

HER HUNT-UM SOMETHING WITH STICK ALONG BANK! ME OFFER TO HELP, BUT HER SAY ME ONLY BE IN WAY!

LATER...

UMM! THIS TASTE MIGHTY GOOD, CHO-SAY!

ME THINK SO, TOO! WHAT BE-UM?

THIS ONLY THING ME COULD CATCH QUICK...IT MUSKRAT!

M-MUSKRAT? EE-YI! NOW INSIDES ALL MIXED UP AGAIN!

TELL INSIDES THIS ONLY NAVAJO LAMB, AND THEY NEVER KNOW DIFFERENCE! FINISH ALL YOUR SHARE, PO-KO... MAYBE IT BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE EAT AGAIN!

NOW, WE MAKE PLAN TO GET BACK! HOW FAR TO VILLAGE OF YOUR PEOPLE, CHO-SAY, AND WHERE BE-UM?

VILLAGE BE ON THIS BANK, ACROSS RIVER FROM TRADING POST...BUT RIVER CARRY US LONG WAY! WE TOO FAR FROM VILLAGE TO GET BACK TONIGHT!

LOOK, LITTLE BEAVER! SOMEBODY ELSE BURN FIRE IN NIGHT!

ME SEE-UM, PO-KO! MAYBE FIRE BE AT CAMP OF FRIENDLY PEOPLE... ME GO FIND OUT!

BUT MAYBE PEOPLE ON BLUFF NOT FRIENDLY, LITTLE BEAVER! ME GO WITH YOU!

IF CHO-SAY GO, ME NOT STAY HERE BY SELF!

ALL RIGHT! WE ALL GO...BUT SQUAWS KEEP TONGUES QUIET AND DO WHAT ME SAY!

WHO BE AT FIRE? ME NO CAN SEE!

ME SEE HORSES OFF AT ONE SIDE OF FIRE!

WHITE MEN ARE AT FIRE, MAKING POW-WOW... MANY WHITE MEN!

ME SEE-UM NOW! LITTLE BEAVER, THEY NO LOOK FRIENDLY TO ME!

KEEP-UM MOUTHS STILL! MAYBE WE HEAR WHAT THEY TALK ABOUT!

ME THINK LIKE PO-KO!

SO YOU CUT THE INJUNS' FERRY CABLE AND CAST THE BOAT ADRIFT, MIKE?

YEAH! THAT BOAT MUST BE BUSTED TO PIECES, NOW... AND ALL THE MOHAVES ARE ON THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER, CUT OFF FROM HELP BY ANYBODY!

WE'LL RIDE TO THAT MOHAVE VILLAGE IN THE MORNING, BURN IT, AND DRIVE THOSE INJUNS OUT INTO THE DESERT! THEN WE'LL BUILD A NEW FERRYBOAT, AND OPERATE IT OURSELVES!

THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE IN FIVE HUNDRED MILES WHERE WAGONS CAN CROSS THE COLORADO! WITH SO MANY WAGON TRAINS HEADING FOR CALIFORNIA, WE'LL CHARGE HIGH RATES FOR THE FERRY, AND CLEAN UP!

YOU HEAR, LITTLE BEAVER? BAD WHITE MEN PLAN HEAP TROUBLE FOR MY PEOPLE TOMORROW!

ME HEAR! MAKE HUSH UP FOR MINUTE, NOW, WHILE ME FIGURE WHAT TO DO...

LITTLE BEAVER, ME SO COLD AND WET, ME AFRAID ME SNEE...

AH-CHOO!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

I DUNNO...BUT SCATTER AND FIND WHOEVER MADE IT...QUICK!

RUN FAST AND MAKE-UM HIDE IN BRUSH! ME LEAD WHITE MEN AWAY FROM YOU! SOON AS EVERYTHING QUIET AGAIN, GO TO VILLAGE AND WARN MOHAVES!

THAT FINE TIME FOR PO-KO TO MAKE SNEEZE! NOW ME GOT TO MAKE HEAP RACKET SO WHITE MEN CHASE ME!

HAI-EE! HERE ME GO! ME LOST INJUN BOY...

GOT YUH! HEY, GORE, I CAUGHT SOMEBODY!

ALL RIGHT! COME ON BACK TO THE FIRE!

HE'S ONLY AN INJUN KID, GORE!

HE LOOKS PRETTY SMART TO ME... LIKE HE HEARD A LOT AND IS REMEMBERING IT!

ME HOPE PO-KO AND CHO-SAY FAR AWAY BY NOW!

M-ME JUST LITTLE LOST INJUN BOY!

YEAH? WELL, YOU AIN'T GOING TO GET LOST AGAIN, SO YOU CAN RUN AND WARN THE MOHAVES!

YOU'RE GOING TO STAY WITH US, TIED UP, UNTIL WE RAID THAT VILLAGE TOMORROW! THEN WE'LL RUN YOU OUT IN THE DESERT WITH THEM OTHER INJUNS! MIKE... GET SOME ROPE!

I'LL TIE HIM UP GOOD AND TIGHT...

HEY! THAT SOUNDS LIKE A **RUNNING HORSE**...HEADED THIS WAY!

SCATTER! THAT HORSE HAS GONE LOCO! HE'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE FIRE!

MAKE-UM GRAB HOLD, LITTLE BEAVER! ME PULL YOU UP!

AH-HAI-HAI-HAI! AH-NIHN-TINNEH!

IT HEAP SILLY YOU RIDE HORSE UP TO FIRE, PO-KO...BUT ME GLAD YOU DID!

WE NOT DO-UM ON PURPOSE! WE TAKE HORSE FROM HERD BEYOND FIRE, BJT SOMETHING SCARE HIM SO MUCH HIM MAKE RUNAWAY!

ME GIVE MOHAVE WAR CRY...MAYBE THAT SCARE HORSE!

HMPH! SQUEALS YOU MAKE NOT SCARE ANYTHING!

MAKE HUSH UP! HORSE SCARED AGAIN!

AI-EE! ME FALLING!

ME HANG ON ...MAYBE!

OW... OOH!

UGH! ME WRONG! NOW HORSE RUN FAST BACK TO WHITE MEN'S CAMP!

LITTLE BEAVER, COME QUICK! WE FIND WHAT SCARED HORSE!

HIM DESERT PANTHER...AND H-HUNGRY!

DRIVE-UM AWAY, LITTLE BEAVER!

THAT NOT BE EASY... BUT ME TRY!

MY ARROWS ALL RIGHT FOR RABBIT AND SQUIRREL ...NOT PANTHER! MAYBE ME MAKE GOOD MEAL FOR-UM!

LITTLE BEAVER IS GREAT HUNTER! ARROW FLIES STRAIGHT TO PANTHER!

YOU HIT-UM, LITTLE BEAVER!

YES, ME HIT-UM! AND PANTHER MAKES QUICK RUNAWAY! NOW WE RUN FAST, TOO, BEFORE HIM FIND OUT IT NOT HURT VERY MUCH, AND COME BACK TO SHARPEN TEETH ON US!

SHORTLY...

ME GOT-UM STOP TO REST!

ME, TOO!

NO STOP YET! NOT UNTIL ME SURE PANTHER AND BAD WHITE MEN NOT FOLLOW US!

UGH! ME NEVER RUN SO FAR AND SO FAST IN WHOLE LIFE ...BUT THINK WE SAFE NOW!

M-ME WISH ME BACK IN TEPEE AT NAVAJO CAMP, EVEN IF HEADMAN MAKE ME GO WITHOUT MEALS FOR WHOLE WEEK!

LITTLE BEAVER, YOU GREAT HERO! TWICE IN ONE DAY YOU SAVE MY LIFE! ONLY WAY TO SHOW YOU HOW GRATEFUL ME BE IS TO GIVE YOU FINE PRESENT...

LITTLE BEAVER SAVE MY LIFE, TOO...AND HIM NOT TAKE-UM PRESENT FROM ANY-BODY BUT ME!

YOU MAKE FOOLISH TALK, PO-KO!

BOTH SQUAWS MAKE FOOLISH TALK! STOP TONGUE RATTLE NOW, AND LISTEN! IT HEAP IMPORTANT WE REACH MOHAVE VILLAGE QUICK AND TELL WHAT WHITE MEN PLAN TO DO TOMORROW!

ME HEAP AFRAID FOR PEOPLE OF MY VILLAGE, BUT IT TOO FAR AWAY TO WALK THERE BY MORNING!

WE MUST TRY, ANYWAY ...AND WE START RIGHT NOW!

LATER, AFTER HOURS OF FAST WALKING...

ME NO CAN GO ONE MORE STEP!

ME WORN OUT, TOO! AI-YAH! SOON WHITE MEN WILL RAD VILLAGE OF MY PEOPLE, AND ME NO CAN GET THERE TO WARN THEM!

TAKE OFF MOCCASINS AND SOAK FEET IN RIVER! REST LITTLE WHILE...THEN WE GO ON! ME NOT THINK WHITE MEN FOLLOW US THIS FAR, BUT ME SCOUT AROUND, ANYWAY...

SOON NOW SUN COME UP! THEN IT BE TOO LATE TO WARN MOHAVES, AND...

WHAT THAT? ME THINK SOMETHING HIDE IN REEDS! ME GO SEE...

IT BE CANOE! PO-KO! CHO-SAY! COME QUICK! MAYBE ME FIND WAY TO GET-UM ALL OF US TO MOHAVE VILLAGE!

THIS BE COCOPAH INDIAN CANOE, LITTLE BEAVER! COCOPAH LEFT-UM HERE LONG TIME AGO, ME THINK, FROM WAY IT ALL DRIED OUT!

THERE IS PADDLE IN IT! HELP ME GET CANOE IN RIVER, AND ME PADDLE US TO MOHAVE VILLAGE!

YOU HEAP FOOLISH, LITTLE BEAVER! YOU NO CAN PADDLE CANOE UP RIVER!

NO MAKE WORRY, CHO-SAY! ME KNOW ALL ABOUT CANOES... CAN HANDLE-UM FINE!

YOU NOT KNOW THIS RIVER! EVEN COCOPAHS CARRY CANOES UP IT... NOT TRY TO PADDLE-UM!

FOR ONCE, ME ON CHO-SAY'S SIDE! FORGET CANOE, LITTLE BEAVER!

MAYBE SQUAWS RIGHT...BUT THIS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO REACH VILLAGE IN TIME, AND ME NOT LIKE GIVE-UM UP... WHAT IS CHUG-CHUG NOISE ME HEAR?

NOISE? ME NOT HEAR ANYTHING!

ME THINK IT ONLY FROGS AMONG REEDS!

THIS NOT SOUND OF FROGS! NOW IT COMES CLOSER...

AI-EE! ME HEAR ABOUT BOAT WITH MANY PADDLES, BUT NEVER THINK ME SEE-UM! NOW ONE COMES ON RVER!

BOAT WITH MANY PADDLES BE ON FIRE, LITTLE BEAVER!

POOH! BOAT NOT BE ON FIRE! ME SEE-UM ON RIVER MANY TIMES ...WHITE MEN CALL-UM STEAMBOAT!

ME THINK STEAM-BOAT WILL TAKE US TO VILLAGE IN TIME TO WARN YOUR PEOPLE, CHO-SAY!

ME UNDERSTAND! WE WAVE ARMS AND YELL, STEAMBOAT STOP TO TAKE US UPRIVER!

ME NOT THINK STEAM-BOAT DO THAT! WE WAVE ARMS AND YELL, MAYBE SOMEBODY ON STEAM-BOAT WAVE BACK, BUT IT GO RIGHT ON BY!

BUT WITH CANOE, WE CAN REACH STEAMBOAT IN RIVER, GET ABOARD-UM THERE!

SUPPOSE WE NOT REACH STEAMBOAT, LITTLE BEAVER? THIS CANOE LOOK TO ME LIKE MAYBE IT FULL OF LEAKS!

THAT BE CHANCE WE GOT-UM TAKE!

IF YOU 'FRAID, PO-KO, STAY HERE! ME GO WITH LITTLE BEAVER!

WHERE LITTLE BEAVER GO, ME GO! HIM NEED ME TO HELP HIM OUT OF TROUBLE HIM SURE TO GET INTO!

PO-KO BIG HELP RIGHT NOW IF SHE MOVE UP IN CANOE AND GIVE ME ROOM TO USE-UM PADDLE!

UGH! THIS CANOE BIG AND HEAP HARD TO HANDLE! ME GOT TO PADDLE FAST, IF WE COME ANY-WHERE NEAR STEAMBOAT!

LIKE ME THINK, LITTLE BEAVER, CANOE BE FULL OF LEAKS! WATER COMES IN FAST!

YOU AND CHO-SAY USE HANDS LIKE CUPS TO EMPTY WATER OUT!

AI-HAI! STOP PADDLES FOR MINUTE! WE NEED-UM RIDE UP RIVER TO MOHAVE VILLAGE! AI-HAI! STOP STEAMBOAT!

STEAMBOAT BE DEAF, LITTLE BEAVER! IT NO MAKE-UM STOP!

IT TOO EARLY IN MORNING! THERE NOBODY ON STEAM-BOAT DECK TO SEE OR HEAR US!

CHO-SAY RIGHT! IN GLASS HOUSE AT TOP OF STEAM-BOAT ONLY ONE IN SIGHT...AND HIM HOLD BIG WHEEL AND WATCH RIVER TOO HARD TO SEE US! WE GOT-UM TRY GET RIDE ANOTHER WAY!

WHAT YOU MEAN, LITTLE BEAVER? ONLY 'WAY LEFT IS TO GET BACK ON RIVERBANK ...IF WE CAN!

NO! WE GOT ONE CHANCE LEFT! FIRST, ME PADDLE CANOE CLOSE TO STEAMBOAT...

TURN BACK, LITTLE BEAVER, OR CANOE RUN INTO BIG PADDLES!

ME SAY SO, TOO! TURN CANOE BACK!

STOP MAKE-UM YELLS...AND SIT STILL!

ME GLAD COCOPAH LEAVE ROPE IN CANOE! NOW ME GOT TO FIND SOMETHING ON STEAMBOAT TO AIM ROPE AT...AND THIS THROW MUST BE BEST ME EVER MAKE!

YAI-HA! ME DO IT! ROPE IS CAUGHT AND HELD TIGHT! NOW STEAMBOAT WILL PULL CANOE FAST TO MOHAVE VILLAGE!

ME NOT LIKE THIS!

CANOE WILL TURN OVER ON BACK, LITTLE BEAVER!

STOP SQUEALS AND HANG ON TIGHT!

NOW WE ALL RIGHT IF WE NOT GET TOO CLOSE TO BIG PADDLES!

MAYBE WE ALL RIGHT! CANOE MAKE JUMP-UM AROUND WORSE THAN FISH ON HOOK!

OW-OOH! NOW INSIDES REALLY ALL MIXED UP! IF ME EVER GET OUT OF THIS, ME NEVER WANT TO SEE ANY RIVER AGAIN!

STEAMBOAT PULLS US FASTER THAN WE COULD RIDE ON HORSES! MAYBE WHITE MEN MAKE EARLY START TO RAID MOHAVE VILLAGE, BUT ME THINK NOW WE GET THERE FIRST!

LOOK OUT, LITTLE BEAVER! SOMETHING RUSH AT US FAST IN WATER!

IT BE DRIFTING LOG! STEAMBOAT SWINGS TOWARD OTHER BANK TO DODGE-UM, AND PUTS LOG RIGHT IN FRONT OF CANOE!

ME SEE-UM! TAKE PADDLE, PO-KO, AND STEER CANOE SO WE GO ON OTHER SIDE OF LOG! ME PULL ON ROPE TO HELP!

M-ME TRY...AND HOPE STEAMBOAT NOT PULL YOU OVERBOARD!

PADDLE HARDER, PO-KO! STEER CANOE AWAY FROM LOG!

IF RIVER STAND STILL FOR MINUTE, THAT NOT BE HARD! BUT IT RUSH ALL DIRECTIONS AT ONCE!

YOU PULL ROPE JUST RIGHT, LITTLE BEAVER! WE MISS LOG!

BLISTERS ON HANDS FROM PADDLE SAY ME DESERVE SOME CREDIT, TOO! BAIL OUT WATER, CHO-SAY!

SHORTLY AFTER SUNUP, THE STEAMBOAT ARRIVES AT THE TRADING POST...

BRING ME PADDLE, PO-KO! WE THROW OFF ROPE HERE...THEN WE CROSS RIVER, RUN TO MOHAVE VILLAGE AND WARN CHO-SAY'S PEOPLE OF RAIDING WHITE MEN!

NG POST

BANK

WHY WE NOT GIVE WARNING AT TRADING POST AND LET PEOPLE THERE GO HELP MOHAVES?

BECAUSE WE NOT HAVE MUCH TIME...AND MAYBE PEOPLE AT TRADING POST NOT BELIEVE US! BRING PADDLE, PO-KO!

SO MUCH WATER IN CANOE, IT HARD TO STEER! PO-KO AND CHO-SAY, BAIL-UM FAST WITH HANDS, OR CANOE SINK RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER US!

WE CLOSE TO BANK NOW, LITTLE BEAVER! ONLY LITTLE BIT MORE, AND WE BE SAFE!

TOO LATE! LOOK!... CANOE TAKE TOO MUCH POUNDING AND NOW IT COME APART, RIGHT DOWN MIDDLE!

PO-KO RIGHT! CANOE SINKS FAST! LITTLE BEAVER, SAVE ME!

SAVE YOURSELF! LITTLE BEAVER, JUMP QUICK!

AI-YAH! HELP! LITTLE BEAVER!

HEAD FOR SHORE, LITTLE BEAVER! ME TAKE CARE OF MOHAVE GIRL WHO YELL SO LOUD AND SWIM SO POOR!

TURN-UM ME LOOSE!

YOU WANT SO BAD TO HAVE YOUR LIFE SAVED BY SOMEBODY, ME GLAD TO OBLIGE YOU!

ME NOT OBLIGED! ME NOT NEED YOUR HELP!

OH, ME KNOW THAT! NOW LITTLE BEAVER KNOW IT, TOO!

SQUAWS STOP ANGRY TALK! WE ALL HEAP LUCKY CANOE NOT SINK UNTIL WE CLOSE TO SHORE!

QUICK! WE GO TO MOHAVE VILLAGE! CHO-SAY, WHERE IT BE?

VILLAGE STRAIGHT AHEAD, NOT FAR! ME SHOW YOU!

ALL PEACEFUL IN VILLAGE, SO WE HERE IN TIME! CHO-SAY, TAKE ME FAST TO TALL WOLF!

...SO YOU SEE, THERE NOT BE MUCH TIME, TALL WOLF! ME THINK WHITE MEN BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW!

COME WITH ME TO VILLAGE POW-WOW, LITTLE BEAVER! THERE WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO WHEN WHITE MEN COME ON RAID!

SHORT TIME LATER... THE MOHAVE VILLAGE SEEMS TO DROWSE IN THE HOT MORNING SUNSHINE . . .

WHITE MEN COME, LITTLE BEAVER, JUST AS YOU SAY ...AND THANKS TO YOU, MOHAVES ARE READY!

NOT HALF AS HARD TO 'GET READY AS TO MAKE PO-KO GO WITH CHO-SAY AND OTHER SQUAWS TO SAFE PLACE!

IT'S ALL QUIET AN' PEACEFUL-LIKE! I WAS A MITE WORRIED ABOUT THOSE INJUN KIDS SPREADING THE ALARM...

I TOLD YOU THERE WAS NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT! WHEN THAT HORSE THEY SWIPED CAME BACK, I KNEW THEY'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET HERE AHEAD OF US!

MIKE, TAKE HALF OF THE BUNCH, CIRCLE THE VILLAGE AND HIT IT FROM THE OTHER SIDE!

SURE...AND WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE! THEM INJUNS'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM!

SPREAD OUT, NOW, AND SET FIRE TO THESE HOGANS! USE YOUR GUNS IF THE INJUNS TRY TO STOP YOU! DON'T GIVE 'EM A CHANCE TO FIGHT BACK!

MAKE 'EM RUN, AND DRIVE 'EM OUT INTO THE DESERT! THEN HUSTLE BACK HERE AND WE'LL START BUILDING A NEW FERRYBOAT!

IF MOHAVES ACT FAST LIKE ME PLAN-UM, ALL WHITE MEN BE CAPTURED QUICK, WITHOUT NOISE AND NOT HURT...EXCEPT FOR SORE NECKS!

HIDE THIS ONE IN HOGAN UNTIL WORD COMES THAT ALL WHITE MEN BE CAPTURED! ME GO NOW TO MAKE CHECK UP!

ME THINK ME HAVE TO LISTEN TO ANGRY TALK FROM PO-KO ALL WAY BACK TO NAVAJO COUNTRY BECAUSE ME MAKE HER MISS THIS!

GET UP AND STIR YOUR STUMPS, GRANDPA! YOU GOT SOME FAST RUNNING TO DO...UNLESS YOU WANT TO STAY HERE AND BE ROASTED!

ME GET UP, ALL RIGHT, WHITE MAN...

NOW YOU GET DOWN! BE HEAP QUIET! AND JOIN OTHER BAD WHITE MEN IN MAKE-UM WISH YOU NEVER COME TO MOHAVE VILLAGE!

THE OUTLAW LEADER IS SUDDENLY UNEASY...

I DON'T LIKE THIS...IT'S TOO QUIET, AND...

HEY! PETE! JAKE! MIKE! WHERE'D EVERY-BODY GO? ANSWER ME!

ME ANSWER! ALL MEN WHO COME WITH YOU NOW CAPTURED BY MOHAVES...AND IT BEST YOU GIVE-UM UP! YOU NO CAN ESCAPE FROM VILLAGE!

THE INJUN KID WHO GOT AWAY LAST NIGHT! SO YOU **DID** REACH THE MOHAVES AND WARN THEM! WELL, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, AT LEAST!

HEY...MY ARM! STOP PULLING, OR YOU'LL BREAK IT!

DROP-UM GUN AND SIT STILL! THEN ME STOP PULLING!

ME NEARLY AS GOOD AT THROW-UM ROPE AS YOU, LITTLE BEAVER! AND IT GOOD THING ME NOT STAY WITH SQUAWS WHILE YOU TAKE CHANCE OF GET SHOT BY BAD WHITE MAN!

ME NOT TAKE-UM CHANCE! ME READY TO DODGE BEHIND HOGAN IF WHITE MAN RAISE GUN! BUT ME GLAD PO-KO HAVE LITTLE PART IN THIS, SINCE IT STOP HER FROM TALK LATER ABOUT HOW ME MAKE HER MISS-UM!

ME LEAVE SQUAWS, TOO, AND HELP CAPTURE ONE OF BAD WHITE MEN!

MAYBE CHO-SAY NOT AS USELESS AS ME THINK-UM ALL ALONG!

MAYBE PO-KO LIKE TO COME TO MY HOGAN AND SEE NEW BUCKSKIN SKIRT ME JUST MAKE!

AI! THAT BE HEAP FUN, CHO-SAY! MAY-BE YOU LET ME TRY-UM ON!

IT BE NICE TO HAVE SQUAWS OUT OF WAY FOR WHILE! NOW ME FIND TALL WOLF AGAIN, AND FINISH THIS UP!

TALL WOLF, ME THINK IT BEST MAKE WHITE MEN BUILD NEW FERRY-BOAT...THEN SEND-UM AWAY WITH WARNING NEVER TO COME BACK!

THAT GOOD ADVICE, LITTLE BEAVER!

LATER...

NEW FERRYBOAT IS READY FOR FIRST TRIP, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME GET PO-KO, THEN! SHE IN BIG HURRY TO GET BACK TO NAVAJO CAMP!

GO 'WAY, LITTLE BEAVER! YOU NO CAN SEE WE BUSY?

YES...GO 'WAY! WHEN ME READY TO LEAVE, ME LET YOU KNOW!

HOW YOU LIKE-UM THAT? BUT, LIKE ME ALWAYS SAY, ANYBODY WHO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SQUAW WILL DO BE HEAP LOCO!

LITTLE BEAVER

LITTLE BEAVER, YOU REMEMBER WHAT HEAD-MAN SAY ABOUT US STAY-UM WITH NAVAJO HUNTING PARTY WHILE APACHES BE ON WAR-PATH! WE GO BACK, RIGHT NOW!

HAI-YAH! LOOK! THERE BE-UM WAGON TRAIN!

WHY YOU ACT SO SURPRISED? THIS NOT BE FIRST WAGON TRAIN WE EVER SEE!

ME HEAP SURPRISED TO SEE-UM SO FAR SOUTH OF MAIN WAGON TRAIL TO CALIFORNIA!

MAYBE WAGON PEOPLE NOT KNOW APACHE WAR PARTY BE REPORTED CLOSE BY! ME GO TELL-UM!

HMPH! ME GO, TOO... AND MAKE SURE YOU NOT TELL-UM SO LONG APACHES COME AND GRAB US BEFORE WE GET BACK TO NAVAJO HUNTERS!

HERE COME SOMEBODY! YOU WARN-UM QUICK ABOUT APACHES, THEN WE RIDE AWAY FAST!

ME DO NOTHING OF SORT! THIS BE SOMETHING ME HAVE TO HANDLE HEAP DIGNIFIED!

UGH! WITH APACHES ON WARPATH, HIM GOT TO WORRY ABOUT DIGNITY!

HOW! ME LITTLE BEAVER!

HOWDY! I'M JOEL COOMBS!

ME PO-KO! APACHES BE ON WARPATH WE GO NOW!

SQUAW KEEP-UM QUIET WHILE BRAVE MAKE POWWOW WITH WAGON TRAIN CAPTAIN!

I'M NOT TH' CAPTAIN! THAT'S BART FINCH... BUT I'M GLAD I SAW YOU BEFORE HE D.D!

FINCH HATES ALL INJUNS!.. WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT APACHES?

WAR PARTY MAKE-UM RAIDS WEST OF HERE! MAYBE THEY ATTACK YOUR WAGONS, IF YOU GO ON!

IT BE SAFER IF YOU GO NORTH TO CALIFORNIA TRAIL, WHERE ARMY GIVE-UM YOU PROTECTION!

HMM! I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS! I'LL GO TELL FINCH!

I'M RIGHT HERE, COOMBS... ME AN' PURDY! WHAT'S IN YER CRAW?

AN APACHE WAR PARTY IS OUT RAIDIN'! WE'VE GOTTA TURN NORTH, FOR ARMY PROTECTION, FINCH!

WE'RE KEEPIN' ON TH' WAY WE'RE HEADED... STRAIGHT WEST!

YEAH!

AN ARMY PATROL IS GONNA SHOW UP TODAY... TO PROTECT US!

YEAH... TODAY!

THERE BE NO ARMY PATROL ANYWHERE NEAR! IF SOLDIERS COME, SMOKE SIGNALS TELL INJUNS ABOUT-UM AHEAD OF TIME! AND ALL SIGNALS ONLY WARN OF APACHES!

YUH CALLIN' ME A LIAR?

GIVE HIM A TASTE OF YER WHIP, FINCH!

COOL OFF, YOU TWO! HE'S JUST A K.D!...

I SAY HE'S A SPYIN' LITTLE PIUTE, WHO'S TRYIN' TO SCARE US NORTH SO HIS THIEVIN' TRIBE CAN RAID US!

ME NOT BE PIUTE, AND ME NOT SPY! TAKE-UM BACK BAD THINGS YOU SAY!

YEAH? I'LL TAKE TH' HIDE OFFA YOU WITH MY WHIP!

NO, YOU WON'T, FINCH!

YOU'RE MIGHTY TOUGH WHEN YOU'RE CRACKIN' A WHIP! HOW ARE YOU WHEN IT COMES TO FISTS?

I'LL CLIMB HIM FROM BEHIND, FINCH!

THAT BE WHAT YOU THINK!

FINCH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR MEAN TALK AN' WHIP...AN' I'M NOT TH' ONLY ONE! THERE'S GONNA BE A NEW WAGON TRAIN CAPTAIN ELECTED TONIGHT!

I'LL GET BACK AT YOU, COOMBS...AN' MIGHTY SOON, TOO! BEFORE I'M THROUGH, YOU'LL WISH YOU WAS NEVER BORN!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

UGH! THEM TALK JUST LIKE APACHES!

SPEAKIN' OF APACHES...IT'S HIGH TIME YOU TWO GOT BACK TO YOUR OWN PEOPLE!

ME THINK-UM SO, TOO!

BAD MAN LEAVE-UM WHIP BEHIND!

KEEP IT, LITTLE BEAVER ...AS A SOUVENIR!

ME GOT UNEASY FEELING ABOUT TWO WHITE MEN ...AND APACHE WAR PARTY!

WELL, I'LL SPREAD TH' WORD, AN' WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES PEELED FOR APACHES! THANKS FOR WARNING US, LITTLE BEAVER!

WHY YOU RIDE SO SLOW? ME WANT TO BE WITH NAVAJO HUNTERS AGAIN, HEAP QUICK!

UNEASY FEELING IN ME BE STRONGER! ME 'FRAID WAGON TRAIN HEAD-UM STRAIGHT FOR BAD TROUBLE!

FEELING LITTLE BEAVER HAVE BE HEAP FOOLISH! THERE BE ARMY PATROL, JUST LIKE BAD MAN SAY!

NOW ME ALL MIXED-UM UP! WHY WE NO SEE SMOKE SIGNALS THAT TELL US SOLDIERS COME HERE?

MAYBE NOBODY SEE-UM COME! ANYWAY, NOW SOLDIERS GO DOWN TO GUARD WAGONS... AND WE RIDE OTHER WAY, IN BIG HURRY!

WAIT!... SOME-THING WRONG HERE!

THEM NOT BE SOLDIERS! THEM APACHES, IN ARMY UNIFORMS! ME MUST CATCH WAGON TRAIN AND WARN-UM!

LITTLE BEAVER, YOU BE LOCO! COME BACK!

WAGON PEOPLE LOOK FOR APACHES IN WAR PAINT! THEY NOT NOTICE RIDERS IN BLUE UNIFORMS NOT BE SOLDIERS UNTIL TOO LATE! IF ME NOT GET THERE IN TIME, APACHES WILL LIFT MANY SCALPS!

LOOK-UM-OUT! MEN IN BLUE UNIFORMS COME, BUT THEM NOT SOLDIERS! IT BE **APACHE WAR PARTY!**

WELL, IT'S TH' TRICKY LITTLE PIUTE AGAIN!

ALL RIGHT, ME BE PIUTE ...OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU LIKE-UM CALL ME! BUT GET READY TO FIGHT APACHES!

WHAT'S HE MEAN, FINCH?

NOTHIN'! HE'S JUST TRYIN' TO STAMPEDE US WITH HIS CRAZY TALK! THERE'S SOLDIERS COMIN', LIKE I SAID THEY WOULD! THEY'LL RIDE IN CLOSE TO ESCORT US! KEEP TH' WAGONS ROLLIN'!

WELL, ALL RIGHT ...YOU'RE TH' CAPTAIN, FINCH!

NOW, YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME! I'M GONNA TAKE CARE OF YUH IN JUST A LITTLE WHILE ...WITH THAT WHIP OF MING YUH GRABBED!

AI-EE! WHERE BE JOEL COOMBS?

I'LL GRAB HIM FOR YUH, FINCH! I OWE TH' LITTLE PEST A COUPLA LICKS, TOO!

YOU LEAVE-UM HIM ALONE!

MAKE-UM RUNAWAY, LITTLE BEAVER!

PO-KO, STOP-UM THAT BEFORE YOU BE HURT!

GET AWAY FROM ME, YUH CRAZY LITTLE WILDCAT!

OUCH! LITTLE BEAVER, M-ME ONLY MEAN TO HELP-UM YOU!

PO-KO BE HEAP BRAVE... FOOLISH, TOO!

WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOIN' ON HERE?

LITTLE BEAVER HURRIEDLY WARNS COOMBS...

IT SOUNDS UNBELIEVABLE... BUT MAYBE TH' KID'S RIGHT! WE'LL MEET THAT BUNCH WITH OUR GUNS READY, JUST IN CASE..

NO, WE WON'T!

WE'LL JUST WAIT FOR 'EM... THEY'LL BE HERE IN A COUPLA MINUTES!

BUT WHY..? FINCH, YOU'RE A RENEGADE! YOU PRETENDED TO HATE INJUNS... TO COVER UP TH' FACT THAT YOU'RE IN CAHOOTS WITH TH' APACHES!

YOU KNEW THEY'D WEAR ARMY UNIFORMS TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE! YOU GUIDED TH' WAGONS SOUTH TO MEET 'EM HERE!

SURE! AN' NOW..!

FINCH... THAT INJUN KID... LOOK OUT!

YEOW! MY ARM!...

YOU HEAP LUCKY IT NOT BE-UM YOUR NECK! GRAB HIS GUN, PO-KO!

I'LL MAKE ALL OF YUH PAY PLENTY FOR THIS...!

SHUT UP, FINCH! GOOD WORK, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME ONLY HOPE ME NOT DO-UM TOO LATE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

FINCH AN' PURDY ARE UNDER GUARD...EVERYBODY'S BEEN WARNED... WE'RE AS READY FOR 'EM AS WE'LL EVER BE!

UGH! NOW BE TIME TO ACT, THEN!

AI-EE! NOW WATCH-UM RIDERS IN UNIFORMS!

ME TOO 'F-FRAID TO WATCH!

BANG! BANG!

THEY MAKE-UM APACHE WAR CRY!

THEY SHOOT-UM GUNS, TOO! GET DOWN ON FACE BEFORE YOU BE HIT!

EE-YAH! EE-YAH! EE-YAH!

BANG! BANG!

ME NOT GET DOWN...ME WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING! NOW WAGON MEN SHOOT BACK! AND APACHES NOT LIKE-UM FIGHT WHEN THEM NOT HAVE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE! THEY MAKE-UM RUNAWAY!

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

EE-YA! ME BETCH-UM THEY NOT STOP UNTIL DEEP IN OWN COUNTRY AGAIN!

MAYBE SO...BUT JUST THE SAME, ME NOT BE HAPPY UNTIL BACK WITH NAVAJO HUNTING PARTY ONCE MORE!

A LITTLE LATER...

ME GLAD YOU BE NEW TRAIN CAPTAIN!

FINCH JUST CONFESSED! HE AN' PURDY MADE A DEAL WITH TH' APACHES AN' FURNISHED THOSE UNIFORMS! THEY WERE TO GET OUR WAGONS AN' SUPPLIES ...TH' INJUNS COULD HAVE OUR SCALPS!

BUT TELL ME, LITTLE BEAVER...HOW IN TH' DICKENS DID YOU KNOW THEY WERE REALLY APACHES?

OH, THAT BE HEAP EASY! ME SEE-UM GET ON HORSES FROM RIGHT, LIKE INJUNS...WHITE MEN ALWAYS GET ON FROM LEFT!

ME ALSO NOTICE HOW THEY SIT UP FRONT ON HORSES, WITH KNEES HIGH...WHITE MEN SIT BACK, WITH LEGS STRAIGHT!

SMART BOY, LITTLE BEAVER! OUR THANKS TO YOU AGAIN!

ONE THING ME NOT UNDERSTAND! WHEN IT BE YOU LEARN TO HIT TARGET WITH WHIP?

OH, ME NOT REALLY LEARN HOW! THAT JUST BE "FIRST-TIMER'S LUCK!"

YOU MEAN "BEGINNER'S LUCK", DON'T YOU, LITTLE BEAVER?

ALL THE SAME THING... COME ON, PO-KO, ME RACE YOU BACK TO NAVAJO HUNTERS!

THE INDIAN'S WAY

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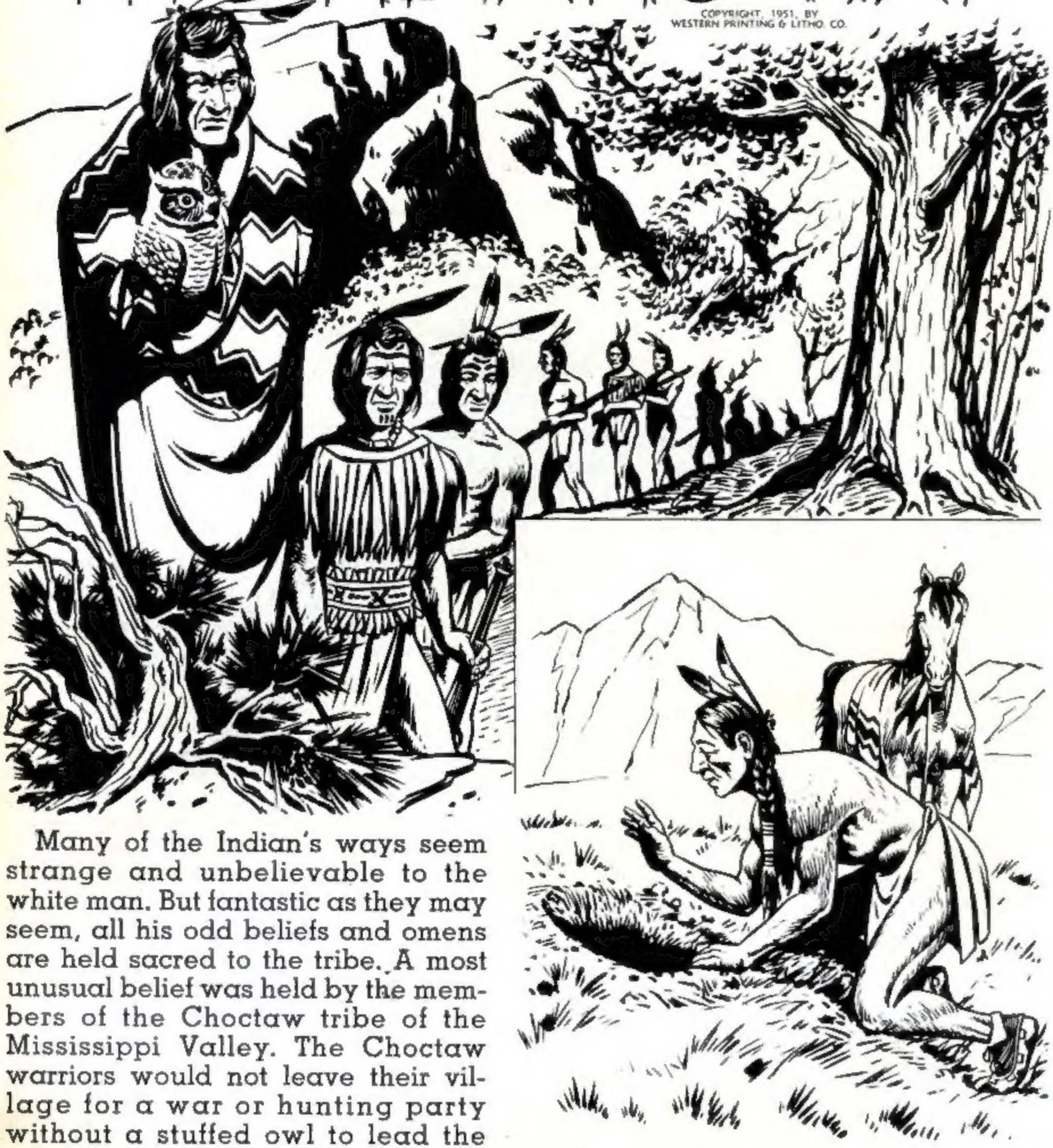

Many of the Indian's ways seem strange and unbelievable to the white man. But fantastic as they may seem, all his odd beliefs and omens are held sacred to the tribe. A most unusual belief was held by the members of the Choctaw tribe of the Mississippi Valley. The Choctaw warriors would not leave their village for a war or hunting party without a stuffed owl to lead the expedition and keep it from harm. While on the trail, the stuffed owl was given food offerings and protected as closely as it was expected to protect the party.

In the Northwest, the Sioux Indians depended on a sacred "hole in the ground" to forecast hunting weather. This "hole" was actually a cave of the winds with a small opening about ten inches in diameter. When fair weather promised, rising atmospheric pressure forced air into the cave. With the threat of foul weather, the air whistled out. By holding a hand near the opening, the Sioux could tell whether he would have hunting or "tepee" weather.